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In re Application of

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Title: CATV SYSTEM

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 3. (Amende) The CATV system (8) according to claim 1, characterized in that the primary station (2) comprises a cable modem termination system and in that the secondary station (4) comprises a cable modem.
- 7. (Amended) The secondary station (4) according to claim
- 5, characterized in that the secondary station (4) comprises a cable modem.

## REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to claims 3 and 7 were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Applicant furthermore reserves her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

- 3. (Amended) The CATV system (8) according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the primary station (2) comprises a cable modem termination system and in that the secondary station (4) comprises a cable modem.
- 7. (<u>Amended</u>) The secondary station (4) according to claim 5 [or 6], characterized in that the secondary station (4) comprises a cable modem.